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Sir:

REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION

The Office Action dated 12/03/2003 references an attached Notice of References Cited (PTO-892). Although a Form PTO-892 was attached to the Office Action, it did not have <u>any</u> identified document therewithin. Accordingly, the undersigned wonders if possibly there are some additional cited references and, if so, please forward a completed copy of PTO Form-892 to the undersigned as soon as possible.

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